

House Health & Human Resources Committee Amendment NO. 1

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by deleting all language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

Section 1.

(a) Upon funds being appropriated for such purpose, the Tennessee Commission on Aging shall establish nine (9) part-time long-term care nursing home ombudsman positions. One (1) position shall be created for each development district. The purpose and duties of the ombudsmen shall include, but not be limited to, recruiting, training, managing and coordinating volunteer ombudsman representatives to assist the district long-term care ombudsmen.

(b) The Tennessee Commission on Aging shall have the authority to hire or delegate the hiring to the appropriate local aging agency with the salary of each part-time ombudsman not to exceed ten dollars (\$10.00) an hour for a maximum work week of twenty (20) hours a week.

(c) The Commission shall develop a training program for the ombudsmen.

(d) Each nursing home/care ombudsman or volunteer representative shall have access to nursing home/care facilities at all reasonable times.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 11, Part 10, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

Section _____. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a nursing home is required to check the abuse registry established in accordance

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with Section 68-11-1001 prior to hiring any person. A nursing home is prohibited from hiring any person whose name is contained in such registry.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-207 (a), is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated item:

() The person to whom a license has been issued under this chapter, operates any other illegal, unlicensed facility.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 1996 , the public welfare requiring it.